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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This supplements the Information Disclosure Statement submitted in the above-identified application on April 28, 2000.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

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Applicant also encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign office. Each of the cited references is in English, or includes an

English language abstract. Cited German Patent DE 34 10 913 (Document AG) is equivalent to U.S. 4,698,480, which has been previously submitted in this application.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. Furthermore, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and therefore no fee under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17(p) is required.

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Respectfully submitted,

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